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#605 Point Pinos, entrance to Monterey Bay, California.

Since the establishment of this light in 1854, the water supply has been caught on the roof of the lighthouse structure and stored in a 10,000 gallon cistern. This supply was generally scanty during dry years, sometimes unfit for drinking, and sometimes had to be supplemented by water hauled from a distance at considerable expense. The Pacific Improvement Co., which owns the hotel and a large tract of land near Monterey, had brought a fine supply of water from the headwaters of the Carmel to within a mile of this station, and a connection made with the company's system, and purchase was made of such water as needed. The work was done during October 1885, and required 5,082 feet of pipe, which is laid 1 foot underground, along a country road. A severe gale in January blew down some 2,000 feet of the ^{reservation} fence. It was temporarily repaired by the keeper with material on hand, and certain other minor repairs were made.